

**Official Ballot
Annual Town Election
Weare New Hampshire
March 10, 2015**

**For Selectman
Three Year Term**

Vote for Two

Frederick W. Hippler **428**
Christine Ivinjack 350
Gregory N. McDowell 123
John Jack Meaney 401
David S. Recupero 94
Janet C. Wilson 247
Thomas S. Clow **509**

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

**For Board of Fire-Wards
Non-Member Fire Department
Three Year Term**

Vote for One

Jonathan H. Osborne **1029**
(Write-in)

**For Board of Fire-Wards
Member Fire Department
Three Year Term**

Vote for One

George P. Beaudette **1000**
(Write-in)

**Library Trustee
Three Year Term**

Vote for One

LeRoy Marcroft **1033**
(Write-in)

**For Cemetery Trustee
Three Year Term**

Vote for One

William F. Tiffany **1075**
(Write-in)

**Trustee of Trust Funds
Three Year Term**

Vote for One

John L. McCausland **1037**
(Write-in)

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** set forth in the town warrant as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Weare as follows:

To revise Article 19.1.10.1, which is the current provision governing an "accessory apartment" to limit such use to no more than one (1) bedroom. (**Recommended** by the Planning Board)

YES 710

NO 610 PASSED

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** set forth in the town warrant as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Weare as follows:

To revise Article 22.9, by deleting the phrase "new homes and commercial buildings" from that article, which article is a provision dealing with the existing requirement to achieve "compatible architectural styles" on certain structures in several "Designated Village Districts" so that the provision will now apply to all structures. (**Recommended** by the Planning Board)

YES 703

NO 609 PASSED

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** set forth in the town warrant as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Weare as follows:

To add three new sections to Article 3.13, which is the article that governs the conditions under which the planning board may grant Conditional Uses, which three articles provide additional procedural and substantive standards governing the exercise of discretion by the planning board. Said three sections will be numbered Sections 3.13.2, 3.13.3, and 3.13.4 and are entitled "Application Procedures" (Article 3.13.2), "Criteria for Granting a Conditional Use Permit" (Article 3.13.3), and "Existing Non-Conforming Uses" (Article 3.13.4). The full text of each change can be found in the Town Clerk's office. (**Recommended** by the Planning Board)

YES 750

NO 527 PASSED

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** set forth in the town warrant as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Weare as follows:

To modify existing Article 30-A.3.1.3, which is a section in the article that governs design standards relating to changes to the exterior of construction on existing dwelling units in the Mt. Dearborn Historic Area Overlay District to clarify that the same applies to changes to such exterior construction and to identify the particular standard of architectural compatibility that would apply to such changes. The full text of each change can be found in the Town Clerk's office. (**Recommended** by the Planning Board)

YES 673

NO 624 PASSED

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** set forth in the town warrant as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Weare as follows:

To modify existing Article 4.1 which is the Definitions section to insert the following definition of the term "Driveways" "DRIVEWAY: Shall mean any access to a lot, tract, or parcel of land. Driveways must be located on the frontage that was used to determine the minimum lot size." Also,

to add a new Article in the Zoning Ordinance entitled "ARTICLE 36 DRIVEWAYS" which article provides procedural and substantive requirements for the construction of driveways. The full text of each change can be found in the Town Clerk's office. (**Recommended** by the Planning Board)

YES 682

NO 620 PASSED

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 set forth in the town warrant as proposed by PETITION AS FOLLOWS: "To repeal "Article 34-Sign Ordinance" of the Town of Weare, NH Zoning Ordinance in its entirety" (By Petition) (**NOT Recommended** by the Planning Board)

YES 491

NO 837 FAILED

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 set forth in the town warrant as proposed by PETITION AS FOLLOWS: "To amend the Town of Weare Zoning Map by modifying the zoning of 2 parcels known as Weare Tax Map 404, Lots 136 and 172, and said parcels being located on 166 Shady Hill Road, to change the zoning for Map 404, Lots 136 and 172 from Rural Agricultural [RA] to Residential [R]" (By Petition) (**NOT Recommended** by the Planning Board)

YES 333

NO 946 FAILED

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Five Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$5,410,868.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Million Three Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$5,306,523.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 431

NO 904 FAILED

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town approve the cost items contained in the one (1) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the *American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)* Union for the Police Department Employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2015	\$ 10,771.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$10,771.00) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. This agreement provides for the Police Department Employees to be covered by the same health insurance plan as all other Town Employees and to contribute 5% to the premiums, as do all other employees. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 931

NO 413 PASSED

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$13,225.00) to be used for raises for non-union Town and Library personnel? If approved, this addition would become part of the annual budget. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 872

NO 471 PASSED

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year financing agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00) for the purpose of lease purchasing a new ambulance and related equipment for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$49,778.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This lease agreement will contain an escape clause. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 514

NO 824 FAILED

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to the sum of Zero Dollars (\$00.00) to be added to the amount of revenue received each year from ambulance billing services that is deposited into the previously established EMT/Firefighter Revolving Fund for the purpose of funding additional hours of per diem EMT/Firefighters for ambulance coverage? This would bring the total annual amount deposited into the revolving fund to \$90,000.00. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 619

NO 689 FAILED

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$52,200.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund called the Fire Department Communications Fund? It is anticipated that this money will provide in-vehicle repeaters for fire vehicles; a reconfiguration and upgrade of antennas on Mine Hill and special adaptors in police vehicles for better contact with Bow Dispatch. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 907

NO 435 PASSED

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund called the Fire Equipment Fund? It is anticipated that this money will purchase a new washer/extractor and dryer for the fire fighters protective clothing. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 915

NO 419 PASSED

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) for road reconstruction and resurfacing of roads? Of the \$450,000.00, the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$240,540.00) is anticipated to be received from Highway Block Grant Funds from the State of New Hampshire (pursuant to RSA 235)

with Two Hundred Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$209,460.00) to be raised by taxation. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 1052

NO 301 PASSED

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year financing agreement in the amount of Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000.00) for the purpose of lease purchasing a new road grader and related equipment for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Seventy-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$71,458.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement will contain an escape clause. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 802

NO 541 PASSED

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$196,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund called the Highway Truck and Equipment Replacement Fund? It is anticipated that this money will be expended for the purchase of a new or used plow truck for the Highway Department, representing replacement of existing vehicles. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 421

NO 920 FAILED

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of having professional construction documents drawn up that would take us through the design development stage for a new DPW facility? **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 348

NO 997 FAILED

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town establish a Transfer Station Improvement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of making improvements at the Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 392

NO 947 FAILED

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund called the Transfer Station Equipment Replacement Fund? It is anticipated that this money will be expended for the purchase of a new trash trailer. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 843

NO 498 PASSED

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$67,800.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund called the Transfer Station Equipment Replacement Fund? It is anticipated that this money will be expended for the purchase of a new skid steer. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 340

NO 999 FAILED

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for the purpose of recruiting and hiring a part time transfer station attendant for Saturday coverage? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 940

NO 404 PASSED

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund called the Police Cruiser Fund? It is anticipated that this money will be used to purchase one (1) four wheel drive (SUV) police cruiser. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 629

NO 711 FAILED

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund called the Recreational Development and Improvement Fund? It is anticipated that this money will be expended for the purpose of expanding parking; improving drainage; and expanding and improving the soccer field at Bolton Memorial Park. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 459

NO 896 FAILED

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of hiring consultants to determine the need for and affordability of library expansion in a manner that will provide a cost effective building plan. If passed this article will not lapse until December 31, 2017 or the amount is expended, whichever comes first. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 321

NO 1026 FAILED

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for cemetery improvements and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from Cemetery Trust Funds Cy Pres Account? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 986

NO 327 PASSED

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to cover the costs of the Town's participation in one (1) local Household Hazardous Waste Collection in 2015? This warrant article has been designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Special Warrant Article so that the funds, if approved, may not be transferred for any other purposes. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 1049

NO 271 PASSED

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-transferable sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing fireworks for the 2015 Weare Patriotic Celebration? This warrant article has been designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Special Warrant Article so that the funds, if approved, may not be transferred for any other purposes. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 737

NO 581 PASSED

ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA's 72:27a and 72:28, II from its current tax credit of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per year to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 794

NO 518 PASSED

ARTICLE 31

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate/enter into a ten (10) year renewable lease with the Weare Historical Society for what were formerly the Gordon Brown barns on East Road (Tax Map 203-94) for \$1 per year for cold storage of Society artifacts? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 1058

NO 250 PASSED

ARTICLE 32

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to allow the Conservation Commission to secure contracted services with the Town's Licensed Forester to prepare forest management plans; secure contracted services for the Town Forest maintenance, and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Town Forest Account? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 947

NO 360 PASSED

ARTICLE 33

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) for Conservation Commission expenditure toward the purchase of new town forest land, and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Town Forest Account? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 882

NO 427 PASSED

ARTICLE 34

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to study a "Noise Ordinance", which regulates unreasonable noise, and that this ordinance after two (2) public hearings will be brought before the Town for a vote. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 752

NO 564 PASSED